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1. FYI: WHILE AMBASSADOR LEVENTE IS CORRECT THAT IT IS US
POLICY TO PROMOTE ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE OF ACTION IN
RESPECT TO SOVIET UNION AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEANS
WE DO NOT THINK IT ADVISEABLE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN HELPING
ROMAIANS TO EXPAND THEIR TIES WITH ARAB COUNTRIES WHERE
THEY ARE NOT NOW REPRESENTED. MOREOVER, WE RECALL THAT
SAUDI - ROMANIAN OIL FOR INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT BARTER
ARRANGEMENT FOUNDERED SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN KING FAISAL
REFUSED PERMISSION FOR ROMANIAN TECHNICIANS TO ENTER
KINGDOM. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FAISAL'S
STRONG OBJECTIONS TO ROMANIA COMMUNIST PRESENCE IN SAUDI
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ARABIA HAVE DIMINISHED. ANY ATTEMPT BY USG TO GIVE ACTIVE

SUPPORT TO ROMANIAN QUEST FOR RELATIONS WITH SAUDIS WOULD
THEREFORE BE PUZZLING TO SAUDIS AND WOULD LIKELY BE
REJECTED BY THEM- END FYI.

2. FOR BEIRUT: SHOULD AMBASSADOR LEVENTE INQUIRE OF
AMBASSADOR GODLEY WHETHER DEPARTMENT HAS MADE ANY RESPONSE
TO HIS APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR PICKERING, SUGGEST HE BE
INFORMED THAT DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH PERSONAL ADVICE
OFFERED LEVENTE BY AMBASSADOR PICKERING (PARA 4 REFTEL). BROWN

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